Compaign by Pak troop in Somalia against Indian forces

6975. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani troops in Somalia are carrying on a vicious campaign against Indian forces in that country, as reported in "The Times of India" dated the 13th March, 1994;

(b) whether Government have protested to the United Nations against this Pakistani misbehaviour; and

(c) whether Government would consider withdrawing forces from Somalia in the event of an unsatisfactory response from the United Nations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Government have received reports that Pakistani soldiers in Somalia are engaged in inciting communal feelings and blaming Indian soldiers posted there for the same. This has been brought to the attention of appropriate authorities in the UN with the request to take necessary action to put a stop to such activities.

(c) Government normally try to fulfil their commitments made to the United Nations. Decisions to deploy or withdraw the forces to UN Peace Keeping Missions are taken after considering all relevant factors.

Electronic Cars

6976. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

SHRI J. S. RAJU;

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has produced electronic cars;

(b) if so, at what stage the electronic car stands;

(c) whether electronic system would be substituted for Petrol or diesel and whether Government would encourage further research on the electronic cars; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The word 'electronic car' is commonly used to refer to electronic application in the road vehicles. Such vehicles, using battery and electronic drive, (passenger bus and industrial vehicles) are being made in small quantities by a few manufacturers in India. As regards cars of this type, a prototype has been made.

(c) The electronics system used in such vehicles is capable of substituting petrol or diesel. The Government is encouraging research in electronics application in automotive sector.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment of advisors in Instrumentation Ltd.

6977. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some advisors have been appointed by the Instrumentation Ltd., at the Bokaro site;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of such advisors as on 1st January, 1994 and the amount spent on them; and

(c) what is the justification of such appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.